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EMAIL & U.S. MAIL

Darra W. Cothran, Esquire Woodward, Cothran & Herndon 1200 Main Street, Suite 600 Post Office Box 12399 Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Ms. Cothran:

The Pleading which you filed on behalf of MCI, Inc. has been duly received and assigned Docket No. 2004-319-C.

In order to proceed with the processing of this Docket, it will be necessary for you to accomplish the following:

Publish, at your own expense, on or before **December 2, 2004**, the enclosed Notice, in newspapers of general circulation, in the affected areas, one time and provide the undersigned Proof of Publication on or before **December 16, 2004**.

Failure to comply with the above on or before the dates indicated may result in the **DISMISSAL** of your pleading.

In the meantime, should you require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

Judy Matthews Administrative Specialist II

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2004-319-C

MCI, Inc. has filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina a request that the assets and customer bases of SouthernNet Services, Inc. and SouthernNet of South Carolina be transferred to MCI WorldCom Network Services, Inc. This filing also contains a request that the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity held by the two SouthernNet companies be canceled. Also, MCI requests that MCI WorldCom Network Services, Inc. be allowed to conform its tariff to its current business practice of using Telecom*USA as a DBA for services related to SouthernNet of South Carolina, Inc. These matters have been requested to be handled on an expedited basis.

A copy of the application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210; and is available from Darra W. Cothran, Esquire, Woodward, Cothran & Herndon, 1200 Main Street, Suite 600, Post Office Box 12399, Columbia, SC 29211.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **December 16**, 2004 and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2004-319-C.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below and Darra W. Cothran, Esquire at the above address, on or before **December 16, 2004** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No.* 2004-319-C.

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **December 16**, **2004**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2004-319-C*.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5113.

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